

Application/Control No.: 10/578,801
Examiner: Lori Baker Amerson

REMARKS

In response to the requirement to elect a species, the applicant elects as a single disclosed species Figures 1-4, with traverse. Claims 1-16 and 24 are identified as reading on the elected species.

The present application is a national stage application of a PCT application. Thus PCT Rule 13.1 and not 35 U.S.C. §121 determines the criteria under which restriction or an election of species may be imposed. Since PCT Rule 13.1 does not authorize the imposition of an election of species requirement, it is requested that the requirement be withdrawn in the present application.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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